



The IFMP Brief

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A resource for updates on IFMP activities around the IFM Program community

IFM Happenings

➤ [Budget Guidance Workshop December 10 & 11](#)

Last week, Bobby German and Susan Taylor sponsored the IFMP Budget Guidance Workshop in Huntsville, Alabama. The workshop was conducted to provide Centers with guidance for developing their budget estimates for IFM modules that will be in the implementation phase in FY06. This includes the Integrated Asset Management (IAM) Enterprise Upgrade, Integrated Human Capital Management (IHCM), ePayroll, eTravel, and Contract Administration (Document Generation and Procurement) modules. The agenda included presentations from the functional leads for these modules and the IFM Change Management lead. In addition, Jonathan Pettus provided an overview of inclusions to the Operations & Sustainment Support (O&SS) costs and the process for allocating costs to the Centers.

➤ [Centers Receive Initial Budget Formulation Capability](#)

On October 27 the Budget Formulation team rolled out Budget Formulation Release 0.5A to the Centers. This is the first of three releases that together, will provide the total capability NASA needs at each stage of the budgeting process. Specifically, Release 0.5A provides Centers the ability to create program operating plans (POP). In February, Release 0.5B will provide the Centers the ability to submit their POP to the Enterprises. Then in May, Release 1.0 will provide Headquarters (HQ) the ability to submit the POP to OMB. Additionally it will provide top-down budget infrastructure to provide overall budget guidance and address new guidelines and changes. It will also include the ability to report by theme, attach backup documentation, and interface with eBudget.

➤ [NASA Delivers FY03 Financial Statements from Consolidated System to Auditors](#)

On December 12, NASA achieved a major milestone upon delivering the Agency's FY03 financial statements to PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) auditors. The FY03 financial statements are the first set of consolidated financial statements generated from the SAP system. In FY04, NASA will begin generating quarterly financial statements using the SAP Core Financial System.

➤ [ePayroll Preparing for Conversion while Awaiting DOI Guidance](#)

At the beginning of this month, the ePayroll team validated budget estimates from the Center's for transitioning to ePayroll, and has been busy with pre-implementation activities including scrubbing, mapping and converting data. The team has been anxiously awaiting DOI's response to development gaps regarding regulatory requirements, system functionality for both NASA and DOT,

and SSL (secure socket layer) requirements. On December 18th, DOI briefed the ePayroll Steering Committee on the status of their gap analysis and plans to submit a formal response by the end of December.

➤ **Center Business Process Lead (CBPL) Role Clarification Effort Underway**

The Corporate Change Management Team (CCMT) recently finalized details for a series of workshops at the Center's. The focus of these workshops will be to further define the roles and responsibilities of the Core Financial, Travel Manager and Budget Formulation CBPL's, develop a CBPL handbook, and assess Super User requirements.

➤ **Standard Management Report Capability**

The Standard Management Reports Team (SMRT) has been working with the Competency Center to improve Core Financial Business Warehouse (BW) capability. Initial efforts are focused on making the current reports in BW more intuitive to Enterprise, Center and Program Managers and Analysts. The first set of improvements will be available early in the New Year. As a next step, SMRT will be looking for Center points of contacts to assist in gathering Center management and analytical requirements.

IFM Pulse

➤ **Effectiveness Assessment to Measure Progress against IFM Business Case**

In the first quarter of the 2004 calendar year, the Program Office will be conducting an assessment to measure the success of the IFM Program in achieving the benefits identified in the Core Financial business case. A subsequent survey will assess the rate at which users are adopting the system.

Outside NASA

➤ **Senior NASA Financial Advisor quoted in Government Executive**

Lloyd Blanchard, senior advisor for financial management in Code B was quoted in an article in the December 2 issue of the Government Executive. Blanchard was discussing the need to consider the performance of past projects when formulating budget requests. For the full story go to:
<http://www.govexec.com/dailiyfed/1203/120203a1.htm>

On the Horizon

➤ **Tuesday, January 14, Budget Formulation Release 1.0 Critical Design Review (CDR)**

➤ **Thursday, January 22, 11 am – 1 pm – Monthly IMFP Change Management ViTS**

Future dates: February 19

➤ **Thursday, January 29, 1 – 3 pm – Monthly IFM Program ViTS**

Future dates: February 26

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